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Dear Flo,

Writing you has been such a futility, I doubt I would now save that I'm a little too upset to write other things and you have been on my mind lately. And Munzler, who merely wasted my time through his brother and never said a word. I could have helped him, too.

The reason is the work I've been doing and the value I think it holds, right now, for people who need help.

I suppose like so many others, when I told you I was investigating the King murder and more, its official handling, you dismissed this from belief the victim was an Uncle Tom. In my thinking, whether or not he as is not material. To me he was a symbol, as he was to his enemies, who do not, needlessly, kill those who serve them. I do not think with him alive the recent murders would have been dared.

This particular book, by far my longest, at least a third of a million words besides an enormous documentary appendix, says there was a coup d'etat (title), that those murders necessary for its success would be committed, and that this would include those capable of giving effective popular leadership for peace and to blacks. Considering that I wrote that part a year and a half ago, my sight was clear. In the second half, I go into the Black Panther raids as a Hoover operation, for to me, immediately, clearly it was, and this is in a context of Hoover's black hatred and pro-authoritarianism. I have more than enough FBI reports for the appendix, more than enough to establish this to reasonable people, including his knowledge of who did the Birmingham church bombing, etc. There is no doubt in my mind that Hoover masterminded the Black Panther operation, even forecasting it, with utter contempt for the law and with the certain knowledge no one would call him on it. There is also no doubt that no police department would dare do what so many have done without knowing he was all for it and would not interfere.

I cannot begin to summarize so large a work in a letter. However, in one area in particular I believe this book can be of enormous help, currently. That is in the charge against Hilliard. If you know those defending him, I'd be happy to give them an idea of what I have that I think can be of value in that specific case. It is beyond my capacity to seek them out and I could not pay for it were I to attempt a phone call.

In the immediate future I expect to be filing a suit against the government on the King/Ray case. I think it will also fit in this context. It will be under the Freedom of Information (ugh!) Act. I have a lawyer who is doing this without fee. Any attention to it may also help. After it is filed. Agnew gave me a marvelous backdrop for it.

Hope you are well. Have a good holiday.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg